



- The single-year infant mortality rate in SC among all races has declined from 11.6 per 1,000 live births in 1990 to 8.9 in 2001. The longstanding declining trend began to increase in 1997. Consequently, SC did not reach the US Healthy People Year 2000 objective of 7.0 infant deaths per 1,000 live births among all races.
- The SC Infant mortality rate has consistently been higher than the national rate for the past 10 years. However, the white rate has consistently been lower than the US rate for the past 10 years.
- The Black/White Disparity (ratio) has increased over the past 10 years. It was 2.06 in 1990, 2.5 in 2001.